Conservation_Minutes_9.16.2021

Attending: Linda Hecker, Linda Lembke, Bill Jewell, Steve Soszynzki, Susan Bonthron,

Anne Montgomery, Bevan Quinn, Karen Murphy

Not attending: Marli Rabinowitz Select board liaison: Michael Becker

Guests: David Eastman, Richard Austin, Norma Manning, and Corinne Bell from

Vernon, Denise Jaffe from Guilford

Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM outside the town office. Welcome visitors from the Vernon Conservation Committee Minutes from August 19 unanimously accepted. Action Steps reviewed.

Bill and Linda Lembke will attend the selectboard meeting on October 13th to describe the work the GCC has done this past year.

Weeks Forest Work Day: Work day planned for October 24 at 9:30 AM.

Town Plan: The Natural Resources part of the town plan is almost finished. The forest blocks will be identified on a map within the Natural Resources section.

Mapping historic sites: It was decided that a data base of historic sites will be developed. Several board members agreed to work on this new project.

The members of the Vernon Conservation Committee had time to ask questions. Resources were given such as the <u>Mapping Vermont's Natural Heritage</u> and Community <u>Strategies for Vermont's Forests and Wildlife</u>. The members were also told of the mission statement that helps define the scope of a CC's work. The AVCC and WRC were also cited as important resources.

The idea of land inspection (invasive species, important ecological areas, etc.) for new land owners is complex. A welcome packet idea was explored which might be in developed in conjunction with a Guildford Cares packet.

Collaboration Updates:

The GRWA is sponsoring three beaver workshops that will highlight beaver biology and human/beaver conflicts. One will take place in Guilford

Next meeting is October 21 at 5:30 PM. Meeting place to be determined. Meeting adjourned at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted'

Karen Murphy Clerk Guilford Conservation Commission